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LONDON FOR AGATT AND MIKE HALL FROM R.E. SPENCER

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, AG

SUBJECT: WHEAT DISCUSSIONS

REF: FASTO CIR 252

1. EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICER, KUHL AND SPENCER CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY DR. LOUHIBI HEAD, CEREALS OFFICE AND MOHAMED BENCHEIKH ON 26 JUNE.

2. WE EXPLAINED CCC CREDIT FINANCING AND EXPRESSED DESIRE SEE ALGERIA BUY U.S. WHEAT.

3. DR. LOUHIBI STATED HE THOUGHT WE WERE HERE FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE; THANKED US FOR EXPLAINING CCC CREDIT AND SAID WHEN CEREALS OFFICE NEXT BOUGHT U.S. WHEAT THEY MIGHT WANT TO USE CCC CREDIT. HE WOULD LIKE TO NEGOTIATE A 3 YEAR SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH U. S. FOR WHEAT ALONG LINES OF AGREEMENTS THEY NOW HAVE WITH CANADA, ARGENTINA AND SWEDEN. WE EXPLAINED WE WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO DO THIS NOW THAT SECRETARY  
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AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WERE PRESENTLY IN FAR EAST.

4. LOUHIBI (AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED MATTER JUNE 27) SAID ALGERIA'S POLICY WAS TO ATTEMPT TO GUARANTEE ITS SUPPLY OF WHEAT OVER SEVERAL YEARS. BILATERAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL

AGREEMENTS WERE ITS CHOSEN MEANS TO THAT END AND  
ALGERIA WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE SUCH AN AGREEMENT  
WITH U.S. NEITHER HE NOR MFA OFFICIAL WAS SURE OF  
CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO NEGOTIATE A US/ALGERIA  
AGREEMENT BUT ONE RESULT MIGHT BE THAT ALGERIA WOULD  
NEGOTIATE LARGER QUANTITIES IN ITS EXISTING AGREEMENTS  
WITH CANADA, ARGENTINA AND SWEDEN.HAYNES

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